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SUBJ: DEATH OF US CITIZEN

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1. EIGHT WOMEN AND FIVE MEN FROM DARTMOUTH COLLEGE STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, FOR TEN-WEEK QUARTER SCHEDULED TO END MARCH 10. INFORMAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, STUDENTS ACCOMPANIED BY DR. ERROL HILL, PROFESSOR AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

2. AT 9:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 21, BODY OF ONE OF STUDENTS, CHINA DENISE HODGES, BPOB JUNE 5, 1956, ILLINOIS, WAS FOUND IN LOCKED BATHROOM OF UWI RESIDENCE, WITH THAT OF MALE TRINIDAD STUDENT. NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE, OR APPARENT CAUSE OF DEATH. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE BY POLICE AUTHORITIES, AND AUTOPSY BEING CONDUCTED. NOT YET DETERMINED WHEN BODY WILL BE RELEASED.

3. DR. HILL HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH DARTMOUTH AND WITH MOTHER OF STUDENT WHO HAS AUTHORIZED EMBALMING OF BODY AND SHIPMENT TO CHICAGO. MOTHER IS MRS. YVONNE C. HODGES, RESIDES AT 11082 S. ESMOND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643, TELEPHONE: 312 881 0835.

4. WILL ADVISE WHEN CAUSE OF DEATH DETERMINED. IN INTERIM, DR. HILL HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EFFECTS AND SHIPMENT OF BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOTHER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

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